

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services' Brain Injury Services Program is offering up to two scholarships for Iowans who work with individuals with brain injury to attend a national brain injury conference.

The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) is hosting a one day virtual pre-conference on September 7 **AND** a three-day in-person conference in Bloomington, MN from September 12 -14.

The conference title is *Guiding Systems toward Change* and will include a variety of topics covering information about brain injury as a chronic condition, pediatric brain injury, supported decision-making, brain injury waiver programs, current research and more.

Participation in the conference provides a wonderful opportunity for attendees to network with colleagues from across the country.

Key dates to know:

- August 1 at noon. Applications are due
- August 7 scholarship recipients will be notified
- August 14, recipients must confirm acceptance of scholarship
- September 7, 9:30 AM - 4:15 PM. Virtual conference (via Zoom)
- September 12, 8:00 AM – September 14, Noon. In person conference (Bloomington, MN; near Minneapolis)

Please note:

- Scholarship applications will be reviewed and award recommendations made by NASHIA staff
- The number of scholarships awarded is dependent on availability of funds, but we anticipate up to two awards being made
- Scholarship funds for conference registration and hotel will be paid directly to NASHIA
- Only individuals who work in Iowa are eligible
- Scholarship recipient(s) must agree to complete a follow up survey on what was learned and how information will be used
- Priority for support will be given to individuals who are currently working in the fields of child welfare or behavioral health (e.g. substance use disorder treatment, mental health services), however others are encouraged to apply

To apply, complete an application at <https://forms.gle/py1BCKraqFpEaoRM6>

For more information about NASHIA State of the States Conference and to view a copy of the conference agenda visit <https://www.nashia.org/sos2023>

Email questions regarding this opportunity to brain.injury@idph.iowa.gov